

## **Delays in Processing U.S. Passports and Visas**

- **The Department of State Bureau of Consular Affairs is currently experiencing technical problems with our passport and visa system.**
- **Passports continue to be issued well within the 4-6 week standard published on [Travel.State.Gov](https://travel.state.gov). We are able to issue passports for emergency travel. Those with urgent travel are also being assisted.**
- **Particularly for visas, we are operating at a significantly reduced capacity and will be until we clear the document backlog.**
- **This issue is worldwide and is not specific to any particular country, citizenship document, or visa category.**
- **We are working urgently to correct the problem and expect our system to be fully operational again soon.**
- **We will be posting updates to [Travel.State.Gov](https://travel.state.gov) as more information becomes available.**